

EPI Update for Friday, June 8, 2018
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Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- **No measles cases identified in Iowa following April exposures**
- **Reminder: Health care providers contacted during public health follow-ups**
- **In the news: The Army wants you... to drink the perfect amount of coffee**
- **In the news: The six common types of disgust that protect us from disease revealed**
- **Infographic: Pool chemical safety**
- **Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

No measles cases identified in Iowa following April exposures

Two incubation periods (42 days) have passed since an individual infectious with measles exposed Iowans at two restaurants in the Des Moines area in mid-April. IDPH worked with local public health partners around the state to monitor several exposed individuals for illness who were not immune, as well as testing dozens of potential cases at Iowa's State Hygienic Laboratory. Ultimately, no measles cases were identified in Iowa.

As always, health care providers should stay vigilant for patients presenting with febrile rash illness and cough, coryza or conjunctivitis, especially if they are unvaccinated or have had a known exposure. If you suspect a patient may have measles, please contact IDPH immediately at 800-362-2736 during business hours or 515-323-4360 outside business hours.

Reminder: Health care providers contacted during public health follow-ups

Each case of infectious disease on Iowa's reportable disease list is investigated by public health. The majority of cases are investigated by local health departments. After receiving a positive laboratory report, the first step of the investigation involves contacting the physician that ordered the test.

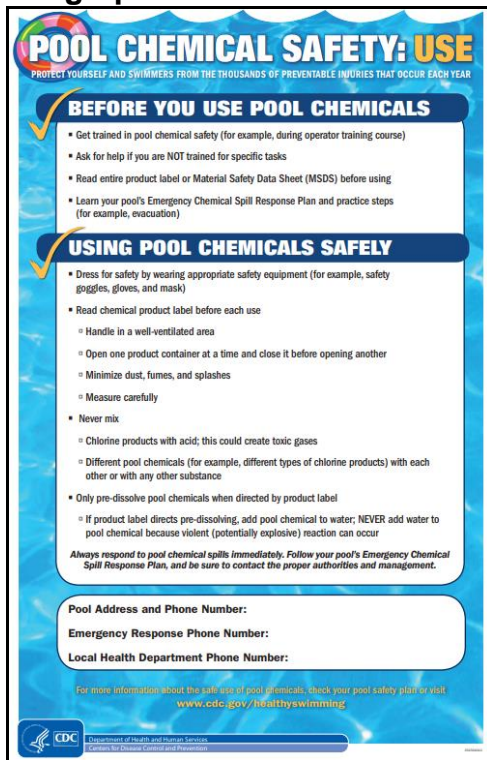
The health care provider is best able to provide accurate demographic, symptom, and treatment information. Additionally the health care provider is asked if the patient has been informed of the test result. This ensures the health care provider has had a chance to address individual medical needs/concerns prior to public health contacting the patient.

IDPH would like to recognize the strong partnership between public health and health care providers throughout the state as we further our common goal of protecting the health of Iowans.

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www.cnet.com/news/army-wants-you-to-drink-perfect-amount-of-coffee/

In the news: The six common types of disgust that protect us from disease revealed
www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/06/180603193602.htm

Infographic: Pool chemical safety



To view in full size, visit
www.cdc.gov/healthywater/pdf/swimming/resources/chemicalsafety/pool-chemical-safety-poster.pdf.

Meeting announcements and training opportunities

The 3rd Annual *Iowa Harm Reduction Summit* will take place at varied locations around Iowa City from September 24-28, 2018. Conference themes include community overdose prevention, hepatitis C treatment, and law enforcement and syringe service programs. Events from September 24-27 are free and open to the public - registration not needed. Registration is required for the Friday, September 28 session from 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM and is available at www.iowaharmreductioncoalition.org/2018-harm-reduction-summit/.

Have a healthy and happy week!

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